

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

IN THE MATTER OF ORDERING)	
JURIES AND AVOIDING JURY)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ROOM OVERCROWDING)	No. 2004-191
_____)	

WHEREAS, 37 or more trial judges can potentially order juries on any day for criminal or civil trials downtown, and the downtown jury room capacity is 350 jurors; and

WHEREAS, space to expand the current jury room, and a new downtown criminal tower to build a new larger jury room is in the future, and

WHEREAS, better management of calling in panels of jurors can avoid juror overcrowding situations.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Any civil or criminal judge requesting a panel of prescreened jurors for a length of time shall give the jury commissioner or his designee, currently Bob James, five business days notice of the request. The jury commissioner or his designee will determine when jurors will be prescreened before the trial start date. The jury commissioner or his designee may prescreen on the trial start date if it will not result in jury room overcrowding. The probability of a prescreen occurring on a trial start date is higher if the trial start date is a Thursday or Friday.
2. If the number of trials scheduled to start on a particular day result in calling in jury panels that will exceed the jury room capacity, the jury commissioner or his designee will determine which trials can be delayed to an afternoon start time to avoid jury room overcrowding. If the jury commissioner or his designee does not have enough trial judges agreeing to a delayed start, the presiding judge will determine which cases start in the morning and which cases start in the afternoon.
3. This administrative order applies to ordering jurors in the downtown Maricopa County Superior Court complex. The court administrator shall continue working on plans to expand the current jury room if the Clerk of Court vacates space adjacent to the West Court Building, and constructing a new and larger juror room in any new planned downtown court building.

DATED: November 16, 2004.

Colin Campbell
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

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Marcus Reinkensmeyer, Trial Courts Administrator
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Karen Westover, Deputy Trial Courts Administrator
Bob James, Jury Director